Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Diabetes, a chronic, metabolic disorder which adversely affects the body's ability to manufacture or utilize insulin, now afflicts over twelve million Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The cause and prevention of diabetes is still unknown, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDF), an accredited voluntary health agency, has as its primary objective the support and funding of research to prevent the complications of diabetes and ultimately find a cure. As of now, it can only be controlled by insulin, diet and exercise; and,

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International is the largest funding source for diabetes research in the world, except for the United States Government. In the past year, JDF contributed eight to nine million dollars to diabetes research. Organized in 1970 by a group of parents whose children suffered from the disease, JDF now has chapters coast to coast in the United States, Canada and abroad; and,

WHEREAS, largely through the contributions of JDF to research, many new breakthroughs have occurred in the treatment of this disease which is the third leading cause of death by disease in America (after heart disease and cancer) the leading cause of new blindness and about 25 percent of new dialysis patients have diabetic caused kidney failure:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 22 through 29, 1987, as

WORLD WIDE DIABETES WEEK

in South Dakota, which ends in a 6-hour telethon Sunday, November 29, 1987, in the hope that citizens will appreciate the seriousness and pervasiveness of this chronic illness, and will support the activities of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in any way they can.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE